

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: FOUR VIETNAMESE REPATS RETURNED TO VIETNAM

REF: HONG KONG 3392 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG OF FOUR VIETNAMESE  
RESCUED IN SOUTH CHINA SEA BY BRITISH FLAG VESSEL. THEY  
REPORTED TO HONG KONG AUTHORITIES THAT THEY AND THREE OTHER  
CREWMEN HAD BEEN PUT OVERBOARD WHEN MAJORITY OF CREW ON  
FISHING BOAT DECIDED NOT TO RETURN TO VIETNAM, BUT TO PROCEED  
WESTWARD FOR ASYLUM.

2. MARCH 30 EDITION OF SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST CARRIES FRONT  
PAGE STORY UPDATING RECENT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE MATTERS WITH  
CONNECTION TO HONG KONG. PART OF STORY RELATES THAT FOUR  
CREWMEN MENTIONED REFTEL WERE REPATRIATED TO VIETNAM ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28 ABOARD A SPECIAL PLANE FLIGHT. NEWSPAPER  
STORY STATES THAT THEIR FISHING BOAT, THE CANG (REFTEL  
IDENTIFIES IT AS BEN NGHE 7), ARRIVED IN DARWIN,  
AUSTRALIA ON WEEKEND MARCH 25-26 WITH 108 REFUGEES  
ABOARD.

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3. CONGEN HAS CONFIRMED REPATRIATION OF FOUR CREWMEN  
FROM HONG KONG TO VIETNAM.  
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